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1. THE PRE-CHRISTMAS DISTURBANCES IN GONAIVES (REFTEL) MAY HAVE POLITICAL OVERTONES ACCORDING TO INFORMATION WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GATHER THIS WEEK. SEVERAL SOURCES HAVE TOLD US THAT DEMONSTRATION WAS PLANNED BY ZACHARIE DELVA AND EXECUTED BY HIS SUPPORTERS ON GONAIVES. DELVA WAS A TONTON MACOUTE BARON UNDER FRANCOIS DUVALIER WHOSE BASE OF OPERATIONS WAS GONAIVES. THE PURPORTED AIM OF THE DEMONSTRATION WAS TO CHALLENGE MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO HENRI BAYARD. BAYARD, WHOSE POLITICAL BASE IS ALSO ON GONAIVES, IS ONE OF PRESIDENT JEAN-CLAUDE DUVALIER'S CLOSEST ADVISORS AND IS IDENTIFIED AS AN ADVOCATE OF LIBERALIZATION.

2. THE FACTS OF THE DEMONSTRATION AS REPORTED REFTEL ARE ESSENTIALLY ACCURATE. THERE WAS, HOWEVER, ONLY ONE GROUP OF DEMONSTRATORS WHO MOVED FROM THE CARE WAREHOUSE TO THE PREFECT'S HOUSE. THE PREFECT ROGES JOSEPH, AN ALLY OF BAYARD'S, WAS IN PORT-AU-PRINCE AT THE TIME. IN ADDITION TO THE PRESENCE OF PLACARDS THE FACT THAT THE DEMONSTRATORS TOOK
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RELATIVELY LITTLE FOOD AND WERE EASILY DISPERSED BOTH AT THE WAREHOUSE AND AT THE PREFECT'S RESIDENCE IS ADDUCED AS EVIDENCE THAT THE MOTIVATION WAS MORE POLITICAL THAN ECONOMIC.

3. SO FAR AS WE KNOW DELVA HAS NOT BEEN PICKED UP AND PROBABLY WON'T BE. HIS INVOLVEMENT IS CONSIDERED PLAUSIBLE

AND EVEN LIKELY BY MOST OF OUR HAITIAN SOURCES, IF TRUE
IT IS FURTHER EVIDENCE THAT THE REACTIONARY "DINOSAURS" ARE
RIDING HIGH AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS BEING PULLED IN SEVERAL
DIRECTIONS AT ONCE BY THE VARIOUS CONTENDING FACTIONS.
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